Persons employed in the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

496. ✻MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of persons employed in the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., whose salary is Rs. 100 and above, and the total amount of their salary per mensem; and

(*b*) the number of Travancoreans among them and the total amount of their salary per mensem?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*). This is a limited liability company and its personnel is not appointed by Government who are not aware of the arrangements so far made.

Supplementary coupons for petrol.

497. ✻MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether supplementary coupons for petrol are issued for motor cars within the State; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the basis on which they are issued?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Supplementary coupons are generally issued to motor vehicles to meet absolutely essential needs. The quantity issued depends on the horse power of the vehicles, the distance to be covered, nature of the routes, etc.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether supplementary coupons are issued to officers in the Secretariat?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: On what basis?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They are doing essential work.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Do they live in the town or outside?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I think they live within the town.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Will not the ordinary coupons suffice?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

Transformers for the Electrical Department.

498. ✻MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of transformers purchased by this Government for the Electrical Department works:

(*b*) the names of firms from which those purchases were made; and

(*c*) the names of new firms, if any?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 337.

(*b*) A *statement showing the names of the firms is placed on the table.

(*c*) No new firm has been given any order.

Mavelikara Telephone office.

499. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that due to the negligence or indifference of the employees attached to the Mavelikara telephone office (public calls) messages from Chengannur had to be cancelled long after they had been booked; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of a motion which was discussed on the floor of the Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the usual inordinate delay caused by the Mavelikara office in the transmission of phone messages?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

Puncha fields at Kumarakom and Vechoor.

500. *MR. K. R NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the scheme to take power to the puncha fields at Kumarakom and Vechoor for cultivation purposes is at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The estimates have been prepared. The extensions will be taken up for execution when the position as to materials improves.

Green manure from Mookunnimalai Reserve.

501. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether representations have not been made to permit the ryots to take green manure from Mookunnimalai reserve and if so, whether any such permission has been given?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: According to the existing orders, seigniorage passes are issued for the collection and removal of green manure from all reserves in the State, including Mookunni.

Wild elephants.

502. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) if it is or it is not a fact that depredation by wild elephants of human life and property in the forest regions of Kaliyar in Thodupuzha taluk still continues unmitigated and unchecked;

(*b*) what measures, if any, were taken by Government to relieve the inhabitants in the above areas from further attacks by wild elephants;

* *Vide* Appendix.

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Appendix.

Vide Answer to Question No. 498.

No.	Name of firm.	Number of transformers ordered.
		Nos.
1	Messrs. Crompton Engineering Co., Ltd., Madras ...	28
2	Associated Electrical Industries (India) Ltd., Calcutta ...	56
3	Callender's Cable & Construction Co., Ltd, Alleppey ...	53
4	Johnson & Philips Ltd., Bombay ...	82
5	Burn & Co., Ltd., Calcutta ...	10
6	Greaves Cotton & Parkinson Ltd., Bombay ...	1
7	A. S. E. A. Electrics Ltd., Bombay ...	3
8	A. C. E. C. (India) Ltd., Bombay ...	27
9	Government Electric Factory, Bangalore ...	20
10	Steam and Mining Equipment (India) Ltd., Calcutta ...	57
	Total ...	337

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